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**CHURCH PURCHASES MUTUAL
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January 5, 1959, session of the Supreme Council was a very important one. The committee on insurance appointed at the General Assembly gave its report and recommendation to the Council. After due deliberation, a decision was made by the Supreme Council to purchase Pathway Mutual Insurance Company and Pathway Insurance Agency.

The Lord has helped in all deliberations and plans. I feel that His guidance has been ours, and it is a pleasure to announce that the Church of God is now the sole owner of the Pathway Mutual Insurance Company and Pathway Insurance Agency where you may insure your homes and automobiles. The profits from the company will be used for the benefit of the Church of God.

A letter of announcement is being mailed to all ministers advising them of our action and giving details of the services offered. You may contact your pastor for additional information.

—J. A. Cross
General Overseer

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MANIFEST DESTINY

By JAMES A. CROSS

General Overseer

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you" (Joshua 1:3).

THE TERM "manifest destiny" is familiar to those who have studied history in high school and college. It is a term that is used quite often in the early history of the United States of America, and it is in keeping with the idea as set forth in the Sunday School theme for Branch Sunday School Month, "Invade the Sunday School Frontier."

The possible philosophy behind the idea of "manifest destiny" was that the limits of the United States and its influence should be felt from coast to coast, that its influence and good should not be confined simply to one section of the country but should permeate the whole of this area, and that its clearly revealed destiny was that her flag should wave from sea to sea. If the government and the influence of the United States and its settlers was good for the eastern part of the United States, then that government and influence and its resultant good must extend, it was thought, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Such philosophy is behind the idea of Branch Sunday School Month and the extending of the influence of the Sunday School. I believe that the clearly revealed destiny of the Church is to plant Church of God Sunday Schools

from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. If Church of God Sunday Schools are good for some sections of the United States, then they are good for every village, hamlet, town, and city in the United States. They are good for the rural area and for the urban area. For that reason we are proposing that we invade the frontiers by establishing Sunday Schools so that others may rejoice in this wonderful blessing that we are enjoying. If the clearly revealed purpose of the Church of God is to plant Sunday Schools in every area possible, then this text which I have chosen is certainly ours to realize that every place where we enter God will give us the land with the victory. With such a promise as ours, March should be a glorious month for Church of God Sunday Schools throughout all the nation.

Before this ideal of the "manifest destiny" of the United States could have become a reality, there had to be some ground work. There had to be a survey of all the desirable territory to find out its resources, its value, its geographical structure, and all pertinent information. For that reason the President sent out an expeditionary group, the Lewis-Clark Expedition. They were to go to the Pacific, exploring the re-

sources of the land and finding out what might be expected in that territory. A plan had to be adopted to acquire these valuable territories for the United States in order that she may shed her influence for good over these areas. Many sacrifices were involved before the United States realized the ideal of a "manifest destiny." Taxes had to be raised to finance these ventures. Some, who may have never seen the land, gave by way of taxation that this end may be accomplished. It was necessary to fight wars with unfriendly inhabitants and with the wilds and with nature. The land had to be invaded. The peoples at home had to produce goods to support expeditionary forces, armies, bandages, bullets, guns, and all of these other necessary things in order for the land to realize its destiny.

SUCH PLANS are clearly set forth in the invading of the Sunday School frontier. This desirable territory to open Sunday Schools must be surveyed, plans must be formulated to enter such territories, and sacrifices will be involved if Church of God Sunday Schools are to be established. It may be that some of us will never see some of these new Sunday Schools, but we will make sacrifices
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I N V A D I N G

MARCH, 1959, is BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTH!

October, 1957, during the last church year, was Branch Sunday School Month, and because of the wonderful cooperation of state overseers and state directors, 70 new Sunday Schools were started during this *one* month. The goal set for this year is 150 new Sunday Schools, and with the support of the Church of God ministry and laity across the nation, we believe this goal can be reached.

We hope that many prospective "parent" churches will accept the challenge to start a Branch Sunday School in a town or city near them. A district may desire to sponsor a Branch Sunday School as a district project.

Thousands of unchurched people live in communities and cities near our churches where there is no Church of God. *These people must be reached for Christ*, and the month of March is the time set to reach them through a united, nationwide Branch Sunday School effort.

Please don't depend on the *other* church to start a Branch Sunday School. Accept the challenge yourself, and let your church feel the thrill of starting a new Sunday School.

The success of this endeavor depends on the *prayers*, *support* and *hard work* of every one. NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS mean NEW CHURCHES!

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Please read carefully the following "PLAN OF ACTION" which has been designed to assist you in starting a Branch Sunday School.

the Sunday School Frontier

By O. W. POLEN

National Sunday School and Youth Director

(Note: For developing the National Sunday School and Youth Board's theme for Branch Sunday School Month, we wish to acknowledge the splendid work of one of the National Board members, Hollis L. Green.)

PLAN OF ACTION FOR

"Invading the SUNDAY SCHOOL FRONTIER"

Background

THE TERM "frontier" has been defined in various ways. The definitions that best fit the purpose of this promotion are: "the edge of the unused," "the border territory" and the "outlying area not significantly influenced by" the parent group. These should be adapted to the promotion.

When the colonist took the first step in the conquest of the early frontier, they became real Americans. The frontier created problems that individuals could not solve. Group action was required to carry forth the necessary projects and open the way for permanent settlement of the new territory.

The frontiersmen invaded the western frontier until they changed the wilderness into a vital part of our great nation. The true "American Spirit" was to leave the old and established centers and start fresh on the frontier. This vast unclaimed area offered the brave and the enterprising an open door to unused territory where place and fortune could be won.

Advancement in the conquest of the early frontier came in three distinct waves. The first-wave was the "scouts." They discovered the routes, surveyed the terrain and obtained the facts that were to guide those who followed. The second-wave was the "pioneers." They cleared a patch of ground, built a crude cabin and moved on when others came. They removed many obstacles and prepared the way for the permanent settlers. The final-wave was composed of the "settlers." They built a permanent community by establishing and developing the area. Gradually these "permanent settlements" were brought to maturity and made their influence felt in the affairs of men.

A New Kind of Frontier

The church faces a new kind of frontier—the Sunday School frontier! Individuals can not solve the problems faced by this area of our expansion. There must be organized group action to carry forth the programs and open the door to the unreached areas. Christians demonstrate the real spirit of Christ by opening a branch work for the parent church in a new field. A united effort is necessary in the conquest of this new frontier.

The Theme

"Invade the Sunday School Frontier" is the selected theme for Branch Sunday School promotion. It implies an organized, aggressive action to overcome obstacles and establish new Sunday Schools in all areas not significantly influenced by the Church of God.

The Plan of Action

The state offices are to define the area of operations. Specific areas should be declared "open territory." The objective of the invasion is to establish a Branch Sunday School and eventually a Church of God in all border communities. The problem is to be attacked with three main waves of workers.

FIRST-WAVE is to be the **SCOUTS**. The local church is to send out "scouting parties" of young people and adults to seek for possible locations, etc., for branch schools. The facts are to be presented to the church and a "wagon train" of workers selected to initiate a "pioneer settlement" on the new location. A religious census should be taken and the number of prospects determined. Free literature should be ordered from the publishing house and the "opening date" announced. (This first-wave should make its attack during the month of February.)

SECOND-WAVE to invade the Sunday School Frontier is to be the **PIONEERS**. The "wagon train" of workers should arrange to arrive at the location in force on the first Sunday of March. The "wagon master" should serve as the superintendent of the branch school and the other pioneers should be given the remaining positions. A concentrated effort is to be made during this one month period. The pioneers must break up the ground, plant the gospel seed and arrange a temporary shelter for the people during this period. The work should be completed by the last Sunday of March and the branch school officially organized. A report of the "successful invasion" should be made to the state office immediately, and the state director will notify the National Director of the total results in his state by telegram or night letter on March 31, 1959.

FINAL-WAVE is the **SETTLERS**. (April follow-up.) After the pioneers have prepared the way for a "permanent settlement," the settlers should move in to occupy the territory. All necessary steps to insure an organized church must be taken immediately. A revival is a good start! These definite steps to make the branch school an organized church should be taken in April. In some areas the local church may maintain the branch school as an "outpost," but in most cases a church can be organized. When sufficient settlers are secured either from the parent church by transfer or as a result of the work of the pioneers in March, a church should be organized.

The Challenge

Could we not display some of the courage and enterprise of our forefathers? We should **MARCH Like a Mighty Army** into the Sunday School Frontier!

A BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL:

- B-uild a better community.
- R-each the lost for Christ.
- A-dvance the teaching ministry.
- N-et benefits for the parent church.
- C-hallenge unused energies for the Lord.
- H-elp "Invade the Sunday School Frontier."

OPEN TERRITORY

for Branch Sunday Schools

In response to a plea from the National Sunday School and Youth Department for each state overseer and each state Sunday School and youth director, in preparation for Branch Sunday School Month, to survey their state and determine possible locations for Branch Sunday Schools and future Churches of God, the following lists of "open territory" were submitted:

ALABAMA

Jackson
Butler
Citronelle
Andalusia
Hartford
Troy
Eufaula
Dadeville
Athens
Decatur (West)
Florence
Hamilton
Demopolis
Eutaw
Livingston
Centerville
Birmingham (South)
Mobile (West)
Montgomery (West)
Collinsville

ARKANSAS

Newport
Bradford
Helena
Springdale
Rogers
Osceola
Trumann
Parkin
Jonesboro
Walnut Ridge
Brinkley

CALIFORNIA

Alhambra
Antioch
Arcata
Azusa
Banning
Bell Flower
Beaumont
Berkley
Brawley
Chino
Chowchilla
Colton
Earlimart
El Centro
Eureka
Exeter
Fullerton
Gilroy
Gridley
Hanford
Hollister
Kingsburg

Imperial
La Mesa
Lancaster
La Verne
Lodi
Los Banos
Manteca
Merced
Mojave
Monrovia
Norwalk
Oakland
Oildale
Oxnard
Pasadena
Patterson
Petaluma
Pittsburgh
Redlands
Redwood City
Reedley
Richmond
Riverside
Roseville
Sanger
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Maria
Saticoy
Somis
South San Francisco
Springville
Sunnyvale
Terra Bella
Tipton
Turlock
Upland
Vacaville
Whittier
Yuba City

COLORADO

Aurora
Englewood
Longmont
Avondale
Littleton

GEORGIA

Americus
Fort Valley
Perry
Jackson
Barnesville
Decatur
Hawkinsville

IDAHO

Nampa
Boise
Couer D'Alene

ILLINOIS

Bloomington
Blue Island
Carbondale
Dorrisville
Edinburg
Flora
Galatia
Gleen Arm
Harrin
Kewanee
Malline
Mendota
Mt. Carmel
Pana
Rantoul
Rock Island
Salem
Streator
Taylorville

KANSAS

Arkansas City
Atchinson
El Dorado
Emporia
Garden City
Great Bend
Hays
Junction City
Kingman
Lawrence
Leavenworth
Manhattan
McPherson
Newton
Olathe
Ottawa
Topeka
Salina
Wellington

LOUISIANA

Winnfield
Bossier City
Franklinton
Alexandria
Arabi
West Monroe
LaFayette
Monroe
Winnsboro
Denham Springs
Lake Charles

Ruston
Minden

MARYLAND & DELAWARE

Laurel
Millville
Dover
Pikesville
Edgmiere
Linthicum
Indian Head
Newark
O'Donnell Heights
North Baltimore
Barton
West Hagerstown
East Cumberland
Aberdeen

MICHIGAN

Boyne City
Sylvan
Ann Arbor
Gaylord
Bay View
Coldwater
Hartford
Holland
Charlotte
Hillsdale

MISSOURI

Kansas City
Farmington
St. Louis
Sullivan
Dexter
Springfield
Fredericktown
St. Joseph

NEW YORK

Corinth
Greenwich
Newark
Niagara Falls No. 2

NORTH CAROLINA

Kernersville
Jacksonville
Hertford
Carthage
Mocksville
Southern Pines
Liberty
Welcome
Murfreesboro

Pittsboro
Chapel Hill
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Avon Lake
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Cadiz
Cambridge
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Chillicothe
Cleveland Heights
Clyde
Coal Grove
Columbiana
Conneaut
Coshocton
Crestline
Crooksville
Deer Park
Defiance
Delphos
Dennison
Dover
East Cleveland
Eastlake
East Liverpool
East Palestine
Elmwood Place
Euclid
Fairfield
Fairport Harbor
Fairview
Fremont
Gallion
Garfield Heights
Geneva
Germantown
Girard
Glendale
Glouster
Golf Manor
Grandview Heights
Greenfield
Granville
Greenhills
Grove City
Hicksville
Homedale
Hubbard
Huron
Independence
Indian Hill
Kent
Kenton
Kettering
Lakemore
Lakeville Village
Leetonia
Lisbon
Lockland
Logan
London
Loudinville
Louisville
Lyndhurst
Madeira
Maple Heights
Mariemont
Marysville
Martins Ferry
Maumee
Mayfield Heights

Medina
Miamisburg
Middleburg Heights
Middleport
Minerva
Mingo Junction
Montpelier
Mount Healthy
Napoleon
Nelsonville
Newton Falls
Newburgh Heights
New Carlisle
Newcomerstown
New Lexington
New Philadelphia
North Baltimore
North Canton
North College Hill
North Olmsted
North Royalton
Norwalk
Oak Harbor
Oakwood
Oberlin
Orrville
Ottawa
Ottawa Hills
Parma
Parma Heights
Paulding
Perryburg
Pomeroy
Port Clinton
Reading
Reynoldsburg
Reynolds Course
Rittman
Rocky River
Rossford
St. Bernard
St. Clairsville
St. Marys
Salem
Sebring
Seven Hills
Shadyside
Shaker Heights
Sheffield Lake
Silverton
Solon
South Euclid
Steubenville
Strongsville
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Tiffin
Tipp City
Toronto
University Heights
Upper Arlington
Upper Sandusky
Vandalia
Van Wert
Vermillion
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Wauseon
Waverly
Wellington
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Willoughby
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Wilmington
Windham
Winterville
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Wyoming
Yellow Springs
Youngstown

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Kingston
Wilkes Barre
Williamsport
Lewistown
Indiana
Allentown
Chester
York
Gettysburg

Connelsville
Chambersburg
Du Bois
Butler
New Castle
Kittanning
Punxsutawney
Corry
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Nashville, Woodbine
Nashville, Donelson
Newbern
Old Hickory
Ripley
Savannah
Selmer
Springfield
Tiptonville
Trenton
Union City
Waverly
Winchester

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St. George
Graniteville
Chesterfield
Pageland
Greenville, Westville
Greenville, Mason & Traction
Charleston (at least 2)
Brunson
Saluda
Bowling Green
Johnston
Columbia (at least 2)

TEXAS (NW)

Floydada
Paducah
Rotan
Stamford
Seymour
Brechenridge
Cleburne
Hillsboro
Hamilton
Gateville
Lampasas
Llano
San Saba
Comanche
Brownwood
Coleman
Ballinger
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RULES FOR COUNTING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Y.P.E. ATTENDANCE

A pupil may be counted in the Sunday School attendance **ONLY** if he is present in the Sunday School **class** session.

A person may be counted in the Y.P.E. attendance **ONLY** if he is present for the major part of the Y.P.E. service or the departmental session.

—National Sunday School
and Youth Board

SUNDAY SCHOOL FRONTIERS

By RAY H. HUGHES

'Chairman, Evangelism Committee

The National Evangelism Committee, in conjunction with the National Sunday School and Youth Board, is launching a special drive for Branch Sunday Schools during March, '59, with the theme "Invading the Sunday School Frontier."

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Geographically the frontier, or the not-fully-explored regions of our country, is a thing of the past. While those colorful pioneer days have faded into the past, it is yet apparent that, religiously speaking, the frontier is still here. There is a definite need for pioneering unchurched areas. Reaching beyond the settled and established church is the life of Christianity. Although it seems that many beautiful churches are being erected, statistics reveal that church expansion is not keeping pace with population growth. Because of the rapid growth of new developments, more than ever before, Americans are living in communities that have no church.

The established church is responsible for reaching these communities, for only the established church has the equipment and personnel to do the job. The church should not stand as a monument or a silent witness on a busy street corner, but should go forth in a militant spirit on its deathless mission, discovering multitudes of lost souls. Multitudes will never discover

the church until the church discovers them. The attitude to hold your own is the death struggle of the church. To hold your own is to die eventually.

The Branch Sunday School Plan, or mother church plan as some term it, is one of the most profitable and inexpensive methods to reach these spiritual frontiers. There is a mistaken idea that only large congregations can establish branch stations. Any congregation needs only three things to begin this ministry—a superintendent, a place and literature. Most every church has a person who is qualified and who can be appointed for this task. Secondly, the front room of a member's home will be sufficient as a starting place. If this is not available, a store front, community building, court house, garage, hall, etc., can be secured for nominal fees. Thirdly, free literature will be supplied by your publishing house for the first three months. Thou art inexcusable, O church!

Small beginnings can develop to tremendous proportions. Many of the largest churches of our day were started in homes. This was also true in Bible times. Read Acts 18:7, Romans 16:5, Philemon 2.

Some larger churches can maintain more than one branch station simultaneously. This will help to employ the membership after a New Testament fashion. Pastors can

multiply themselves and increase their evangelistic outreach through these branch works.

There are three frontiers that should challenge every Christian; namely, suburban areas, established communities and rural sections.

Suburban Frontiers

Take a look at these suburban areas on Sunday mornings. There seems to be almost a total disregard for the Lord's Day. People are mowing their lawns, working in their flower gardens, redecorating their homes, etc., while their children play in the streets. This is breeding a condition of godlessness in our fair land that will rise up to curse us in the next generation and mock the religious principles upon which our government was founded.

A survey will reveal that a few of the residents in these developments are still connected with a city church but are irregular in attendance because of distance. For the most part, they are composed of detached church members and sinners who are newcomers.

Wide-awake businessmen and firms have kept pace with these changing times and have moved with the people. Shopping centers, branch post offices, branch banks, etc., have been erected—beautiful buildings with modern lines, stocked with merchandise to meet every physical demand. Many of



these developments are complete, but for one thing—no Church of God.

When a new housing project begins is the time to begin a branch work and purchase land. After the community is established, it is difficult to secure land or find a proper place for a church.

In order to hold the members of our city churches who are moving to suburban areas, branches must be started. If they are not provided for, they will become detached. Some of them cannot battle the traffic to get to church; others will not. Some families in large cities are spending as much time in travel to and from church as they spend in service at church. We are obligated both to provide a place of worship for them and to use them as a nucleus to start a new work.

Pastors, district pastors, overseers and church members should be searching continually for new opportunities. An unselfish attitude in outreach will reap amazing results now and a rich reward at judgment.

One church cannot adequately take care of a large city or area. In the United States the trend is toward community life. Almost every phase of life has a community setting; and if the church is to reach them, it must conform. The people "on the other side of the tracks" and "across the river" cannot be reached and held by the up-town church. (A bus route will hold a few.)

Frontiers of Established Communities

Some established communities have been neglected because ministers and members take for granted they are churchied; therefore, community after community lies waste when it could be an oasis for the church. In most cities people are divided into communities according to their social standing and economic status. People best attend church with people who think as they do and on their level. The people cannot be reached unless we go to them.

The trend toward suburban life has also caused some churches to

move out of the city leaving a group of unchurched people who must be shepherded. Here is another opportunity.

Thousands are moving into these crowded areas unnoticed by any church. A section that you presume is reached by old, established churches might be a fertile field, because many of these churches are not serving the people with a well-rounded program.

Most every city has government housing projects that provide low-rent apartments. In these quarters thousands of people provide one of the ripest evangelistic harvests of our modern day.

Frontier Rural Sections

With the nation's population shifting toward the cities and suburban areas, rural sections have been neglected. That man "up the hollow" or "on top the mountain" needs Christ as much as the urbanite.

Some rural communities are still a real potential for the church. Let us go forth reaching every area everywhere.



MANIFEST DESTINY

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by way of giving and producing that others may share the blessings of the Lord that we share.

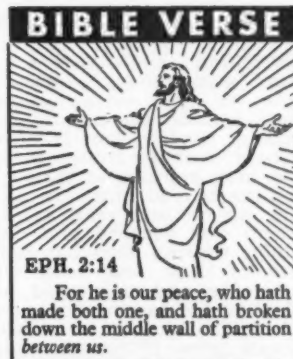
The end result, however, of all this sacrifice, labor, and toll of the nation is that Old Glory waves from shore to shore. All over the land harvests are plenteous, grain is supplied, the nation is fed, land is settled, and homes dot this nation from shore to shore. It is accounted the richest nation in the world, and we enjoy a prestige among other nations that none other has acquired.

As a result of Branch Sunday School Month and the invasion of these Sunday School frontiers, we are trusting and praying that Sunday Schools will flourish in areas where they have never flourished before. Of one thing I am confident, that if these branch Sunday Schools are established, we shall

have a plenteous harvest, not only in souls but in well established churches and strong congregations that shall follow the establishment of branch Sunday Schools. New churches will spring up in areas.

I trust that we will give due importance to this very important work of establishing branch Sunday Schools, particularly during the month of March. Here is our advance guard. Here are our troops going to establish a beachhead which we shall later possess as a stronghold for the Church of God. The establishing of a branch Sunday School will be likened unto the seed that is sown in good ground and watered by the Holy Spirit of God which shall later spring up into a harvest of souls for the church whose end result will be the establishment of an organized place of worship for people to shout the praises of God.

As a result of these labors for Christ and His cause, in that rewarding day more glorious rewards will be handed out for those who have faithfully carried out the work of the Lord. Presently, we shall have the joy of seeing the fulfillment of God's promise at work in our hearts and in our lives. Will you be one of the many who shall with joy report the organizing of a branch Sunday School in the month of March? The answer lies wholly in your hands. What will your answer be?





New Church Dedicated in Cincinnati



CINCINNATI, Ohio—Over a year of hard work brought dedication day to the new church at 2224 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. Our pastor, Brother Troy Davidson, and the men of the church worked nights, after working at their jobs during the day, to finish the auditorium. Almost four years ago the basement was finished and dedicated for worship. God has richly blessed us these four years with new members and souls saved. Also the debt on the basement was paid off. Now the church is complete with new pews, piano, and pulpit furniture.

On Sunday, August 10, after a big dinner was served in the basement, dedication services were held. Rev. G. W. Lane, from the 12th

and Elm Street Church of God, delivered the dedicatory sermon which inspired all present. There were former pastors, local ministers and friends, and musicians and singers from out of town attending. Also ministers and friends from northern Kentucky came to be with us. The people seen in the picture are only a small part of the congregation coming out as dedication services were dismissed.

Brother and Sister Davidson are a wonderful, hard-working couple who give God the praise for all accomplishments. We appreciate them and their five children.

Pray that many souls will be saved here at our church, and we invite everyone to come visit us.

—Flossie Hill, reporter

Church Burns Mortgage

RIVER ROUGE, Mich.—The River Rouge Church of God is progressing under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Morgan. Our church building was purchased in September, 1952, by Rev. M. P. Cross, who was at that time our state overseer. The building was purchased at a cost of \$9,000.00, to be paid at \$75 per month with interest.

A church was set in order in October by Rev. John Rathbun, Jr., who served two years as pastor.

Rev. E. B. Rose was appointed pastor by the General Assembly, September 1, 1954. At this time we purchased a parsonage at a cost of \$11,000.00. With the leadership of Brother Rose and the co-operation of the L.W.W.B. we paid \$7,000.00 on the parsonage and had less than \$2,000.00 balance on the church mortgage when Brother Rose left us in February, 1958, to pastor a church in Easley, South Carolina. Much of the credit is given to Rev. Rose for his untiring efforts while he was with us.

Rev. R. L. Morgan came to us in February, 1958, and is doing a good job. We paid the church indebtedness down to \$509.00 and Brother Morgan asked the members and friends of the church to make pledges and pay off the mortgage. We did so and burned the mortgage.

—Sherman E. Donahue, clerk

New Church In Torrington

CASPER, Wyo.—At the Wyoming Ministers' Meeting held in Casper, October 3-4, each of the pastors and their local congregations were assigned a city in which to begin a new church. Immediately the Wheatland pastor, Rev. Ollie Parsons, and his local congregation began prayer meetings in Torrington, some 60 miles away.

On November 22 we were able to organize another church in Wyoming. Through the assistance of the General Offices we were able to purchase a very nice church building from the Church of Christ. Our opening service was December 1 with 60 in attendance. Rev. Glyndon Logsdon, of Rapid City, South Dakota, brought a very timely message. Rev. and Mrs. Freddie Herring, Wyoming Sunday School and youth director, will serve as pastor.

Wyoming workers are now concentrating their efforts in the city of Laramie.

—Rev. C. W. Batson, overseer



in memoriam

COURTNEY

On October 31, 1958, there passed from our midst Sister Martha Courtney, age 82, a loyal and faithful member of the Shelburn Church of God for many years. She left 5 sons, 4 daughters, 24 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, a great host of friends and loved ones. Rev. Gene Nash was in charge of the funeral services at the Shelburn Church of God. Our sympathy is extended to all, yet we know our loss is heaven's gain. She was a great lover of poetry and often wrote poetry with a note of praise for her Redeemer.

—William Simpson, pastor

McKINNEY

Melvin McKinney's early childhood days were spent in Abaco, Bahamas. Reared in a Christian home, he confessed Christ as his Saviour and became affiliated with the Methodist Church. He came to Miami, Florida, in 1910, where he met Margaret Josephine Poirier and they were married on June 5, 1915. They lived in Miami in West Palm Beach and in Salerno. God blessed them with twelve children, six boys and six girls.

Brother McKinney was a member of the Methodist Church until 1931, when he became sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the dear Church of God at Salerno. He was an asset to his church, his school, and the community at large.

He always had a burning zeal to do good and to serve mankind. Working faithfully and conscientiously in the field of Christian service, he encouraged many and won others to the holy family of God. God saw in him the power to become a leader and chose him as an elder. For the past four years, he served as pastor of the Church of God in Jupiter, Florida.

On Wednesday morning, November 5, 1958, about 1:00 a.m., God, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to close the book of Elder McKinney's life. A stalwart soldier, he had been preparing for many years for his mansion on high by constantly sending up timber through faith-

ful prayers, Christian deeds, kindnesses and Christian services. Yes, his building is completed. May we who are triumphantly marching up the King's highway ever keep the faith as did Elder McKinney until the end. I paraphrase the words of the poet, "So live that when your summons comes, you will be able to welcome the approaching cold, chilly hands of death, march to your couch, wrap the drapery about you, and lie down to pleasant dreams."

He leaves a devoted wife, 12 children, 38 grandchildren, 6 sons-in-law, 4 daughters-in-law, and many other sorrowing relatives and friends.

—Reporter

CREWS

Sister Janie Crews departed this life November 24, 1958, to be with Jesus. She left her husband, 1 daughter and 4 sons, parents, and many friends and loved ones. We miss her very much.

—Lula M. Johns, clerk

DURRANT

Rebecca Alace Durrant, who was well known as "Grandma Durrant," and has been a member of the Richmondale Church of God since 1916, departed this life at 10:45 p.m., July 17, 1958. At the age of 13 years she became interested in Sunday School and church work and, for many years, traveled by horse and buggy over the rough and muddy roads of Pike, Ross, and Jackson counties establishing new Sunday Schools. We believe she is enjoying the reality of one of her many favorite Bible verses, Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

—Alex Yeary, reporter

SULLIVAN

Sister Artye Pole Sullivan was saved, sanctified, and received the Holy Ghost and united with the Church of God in 1921 at the age of 11. She later entered the ministry in the Church of God and was a successful minister for 16 years.

Sister Sullivan had just closed a successful revival at our church in Levelland, Texas, on Sunday night before she was killed in a car wreck on Monday night, November 3, 1958. She leaves her husband, Brother Homer Sullivan; 1 daughter, La Donna; her father and step-mother, and other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted at McDonald Funeral Chapel, Lubbock, Texas. Services were conducted by W. H. Henry, local pastor, assisted by Rev. McSpadden.

—W. H. Henry, pastor

SMITH

Sister Mary Jane Smith, age 75 years, slipped away to be with her Saviour at her home on Gunters Mountain, Scottsboro, Alabama, on August 21, 1958.

She had been a faithful member of the Church of God for 50 years. She was a true Christian, and a kind and loving neighbor. She went to church for nine years without missing a service. Neighbors could hear her praising the Lord and singing as she did her daily work. She was always the first one to get to the church; she would be there before dark. Acting as our janitor, she would see that we would have heat, lights, and a clean church. She gave an acre of land for the New Home Church of God to be built on. When the church agreed on cleaning up the church or on making money for the church, she was always right there ready and willing to work.

The funeral was conducted in the New Home Church of God, with Brother Lee officiating. He was assisted by Brother Ellis Wright. The body was laid to rest in the Free Home Cemetery to await the resurrection, when we shall be caught up together with Him to meet the Lord in the air.

We miss Sister Smith very much. She was usually the first to testify and was always in the choir doing her part of the singing. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. May her going draw us closer to God and may we step up and take her place and be as true as she was to God and to the Church of God.

—Mrs. Shirley Lackey
S. S. secretary

DUNN

On October 25, 1958, the Lord called home Sister Hatie Dunn, who was loved by everyone who knew her. Her husband, Creed Dunn, is the clerk of our church. Left to mourn her going are her husband, 3 daughters, 3 sons and a host of friends and relatives.

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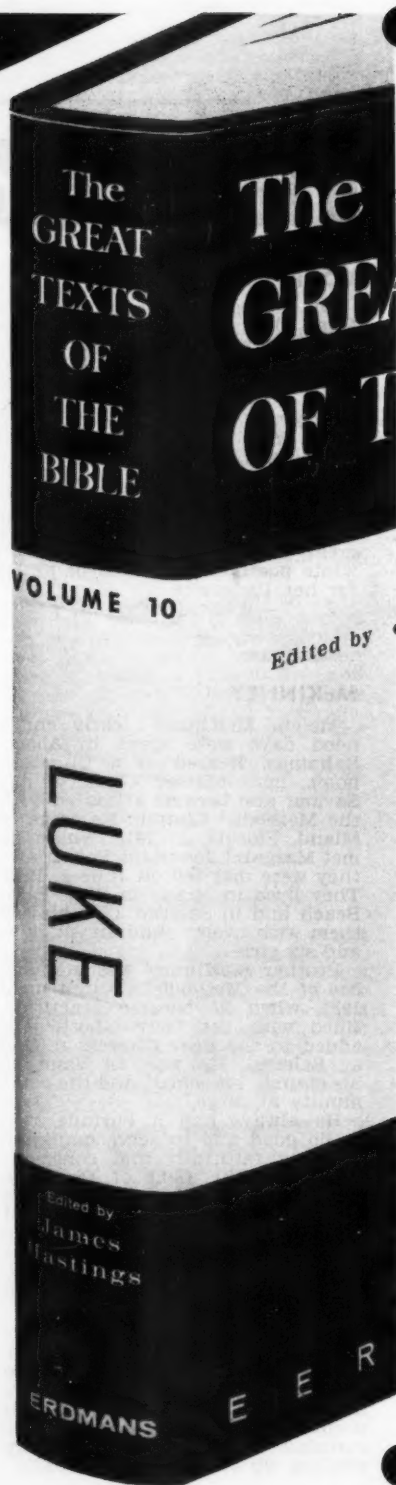
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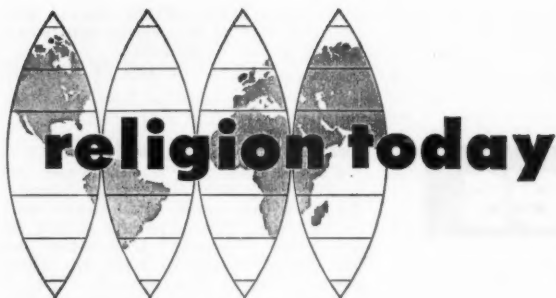
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Clergyman Says Religion Gaining in Soviet

NEW YORK CITY—Christianity is more deeply entrenched in Russian life than it was 25 years ago, reported Rev. John Sutherland Bonnell after a recent six-week tour behind the iron curtain.

Bonnell, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church here, made the visit with four other American clergymen under the sponsorship of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"Twenty-five years ago," the pastor told his parishioners, "every conceivable impediment was employed by the Russian government to undermine the church and religion. A half-dozen churches were transformed into anti-religious museums where the Christian faith was caricatured and the Bible was ridiculed as a barrier to science."

Dr. Bonnell said that in 1932 "militant atheistic leaders" declared that within five years they would wipe out "every vestige of religion in Russia" and accomplish "the liquidation of God."

"But," he noted, "1937 came and went, and God was not liquidated. Today anti-religious museums are practically non-existent, and even Premier Nikita Khrushchev himself reprimands those who use the weapons of scorn and ridicule against religion."

Although Russian churches attract record crowds, atheism is still practiced. He said the Russian government still "promotes atheism in the kindergarten, the schools, and universities, and forbids the teaching of religion to young people under 18."

The clergyman believes that the Soviet policy of atheism is doomed to failure because it ignores the moral and spiritual endowments of man and deprives him of values he needs in a threatening world, because education will help to defeat the policy, and because Christianity alone "provides adequate motivation for labor and sacrifice on behalf of our fellow man."

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The EFMA purchasing office in New York has issued a catalogue of items which may be had upon request from the address below. The catalogue lists a few hundred of the thousands of items the office buys for missionaries and Christian workers, in some cases saving them over 50 per cent of the retail price. Since these prices are subsidized, pastors, full-time Christian workers, and missionaries are free to take every advantage of the service which is operated by the mission boards for the general benefit of evangelicals. The catalogue lists prices both for foreign and domestic use.

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testimonies

Obedience Brings Blessing

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—I felt the call to preach the gospel for a long time, but I did not want to preach. I refused until the Lord almost took one of my children and also allowed me to become ill. Still I did not want to preach. It seemed that I would die. I said, "Lord, whatever you want me to do, I will do it." The Holy Ghost came upon me and I fell to the floor. I said, "Lord, I will do anything you want me to do." The hand of the Lord came down and healed me. It has been four years and I am still healed today. When we obey the Lord through faith, we are bound to get what God has for us. I am now a licensed minister in the Church of God and pastor a church. God will bless us if we only let Him.

—Rev. W. L. Palmer

Obedience Brings Healing

BASTIAN, Va.—This is a testimony proving God's great and wonderful power over Satan's evil spirits. I promised God that I would write this testimony and mail it to your magazine.

Deborah, my six-year-old daughter, had had a very sore throat from Monday until Saturday, and the infection had spread to her right ear. Her tonsils had been enlarged for sometime and had given her a lot of trouble. The doctors wanted her to have them removed. On Saturday I had a Christian brother to pray for her and we felt God's healing power. Still there seemed to be no improvement. She flinched when she swallowed and sometimes cried out.

At 1:20 a.m., Sunday morning, she woke up crying with her ear. Her throat had also broken and was bleeding. I got up and put drops in her ear and gave her the usual treatment. All the time I was talking to God and asking Him what was holding up her healing.

I knew He had touched her body. God laid it on my heart to write and testify to her healing and to correct a mistake I had made in holding a grudge against someone. I promised to do this, and I visited the person that week.

Satan did not want to release his evil spirits from this small body, but I began to rebuke him in Jesus' name and told him he just as well let go and get out of her because from now on this place was going to be so filled with God's presence that there would not be room for him. He fled at last and I went to sleep. Deborah got up next morning and ate a hearty breakfast without flinching when she swallowed. She has not said a word about her ear hurting since.

I just couldn't make it without God's goodness. Pray for me and my lost family.

—Mrs. Roy W. Dillow

The Lord Wonderfully Healed

CATAWBA, S. C.—For some time I have planned to write my testimony for the glory of God. Several years ago I had such a terrible pain in my shoulder that I couldn't comb my hair or do my house work. My neighbor came and did my work for me. I decided to call my pastor and his good wife to come and pray for me. When they prayed the Lord wonderfully healed me. I got up and did my work which I had not been able to do for several days. I praise Him for healing me.

—Mrs. H. T. Ouzts

Healed of Heart Trouble

EVERETT, Pa.—I want to praise God for healing me of heart trouble 6 months ago. One night after prayer meeting, I had a complete healing, for I have never suffered a heart attack since. Praise His holy name! He truly is the great

physician. Pray for me that I will stand true and be able to lead souls to my great Redeemer.

—Mrs. Ida M. Bullock

Leave the Choice to Him

FRANKLIN, N. C.—I want to thank God for answering prayer. When I got ready for God's will to be done, He gave me peace in my heart. I learned that when we leave the choice to Him He gives heaven's best. Pray for me that I will stand true to Him and do His will at all times. Also pray that I will be the kind of mother He would have me to be.

—Mrs. Charlie Cabe

God Is Good

SHELBY, N. C.—I am writing my testimony to let the world know what the Lord has done for me. God is a good God. He healed my arm, took from me the habit of cigarettes, and gave me the Holy Ghost. He has called me to preach the gospel. I thank God for His wonderful gift. I am in prison but happy. Pray for me and my wife and children to grow stronger in grace.

—Rev. E. J. Collins, Jr.

I Love This Way

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio—I praise God for His healing power. I have trouble with my legs hurting. The other night I got up and got the *Evangel* and laid it on my legs. I said, "Lord, heal my pain and I will send your Word out to someone to read."

I am a member of the Church of God. I love this way of life. Pray that I will do more for the Lord. Pray for my 5 unsaved children and my husband.

—Nora McClellan

God Heals Stomach Trouble

LAIRD HILL, Texas—I praise God for healing me of stomach trouble. I could hardly eat anything without getting indigestion. My pastor, Brother E. M. Anderson, and the members of the church were asked to pray for me. One night after eating supper, I told the Lord that if He would heal me I would praise Him through the *Evangel*. Please pray for my father who has sugar diabetes. Also pray that all of my family will come to the Lord. I am a girl of sixteen who has had the Holy Ghost for 7 months. Please pray for me.

—Margie Vestal

God Answers Prayer

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill.—I would like to thank God for His wonderful healing power through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For the past two years I had been in poor health. First, I had a serious spinal operation, then a nervous breakdown, and finally the removal of several moles which the doctor thought were cancerous. I prayed and asked God to heal me. I promised that if He would, I would write my testimony to the *Evangel*. Praise God, He heard and answered my prayers, as He has so many times before. I am so glad that I am serving a God who can do anything for us. Pray for me that I will be ever found serving the Lord.

—Mrs. L. Collins

God Heals Stomach Ulcers

GRAHAM, Texas—I am sending in a testimony of my healing so that it may help others to have faith in the Lord. I had had ulcers of the stomach for three years and one month. I had gone to doctors, stayed on diets, and taken medicine, but I still grew worse. I had made up my mind to have surgery. The people of the Church of God in Graham, Texas, kept praying for me to be saved. So on September 10, 1958, the Lord saved me. We were in a revival with our pastor, Brother E. W. Carden, as evangelist. On October 5, Sunday night, the Lord completely healed me, and I have been eating anything I want since. I'm still praising the Lord for healing me. Pray for me that I will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was sanctified October 12. Praise God, He can do anything!

—D. D. Mayo

Jesus Is Lord

CUMMING, Ga.—I am praising the dear Lord for victory over sin and the devil and for God's great healing power. Sometime ago my son was very ill with kidney stones. The saints in Orlando, Florida, along with others, prayed and God healed him.

Oh, how I love the Lord. He is my Healer and has been for many years. He has come into our home many times to heal us. Saints, God will heal you, if you will believe and trust in Him. Hold on until God hears and heals you. Just this past week God healed two persons we prayed for. Oh, saints of God, look up; Jesus is still the living Lord. Let us pray always to be worthy to escape all the evils of this world and be ready to be taken up to be with Him.

—Mae Terry

God Is Wonderful

WEST MONROE, La.—I want to praise God for helping and blessing me. On September 20 I suffered a heart attack and on September 26 I suffered another. I was suffering so much that I couldn't pray, but our pastor, Brother Earl Joplin, and the saints began to pray. I know God heard and answered their prayers. The doctors told my family they had done all that medicine could do. One nurse came in and told me she was going to sit there by me and pray. This she did. I tell you, beloved saints, it is wonderful to find a nurse who has salvation and can pray for her patients.

God is wonderful. He walks close to us when we need Him. I do want to praise Him and work harder for Him than ever before. Pray for my unsaved family. I thank each person who prayed for me and am asking God's richest blessings on you.

—Ruby Tillman

God Rewards Faith

LORETTA, Tenn.—I want to tell the people through the *Evangel* what the Lord can do for them if they will only believe. I know, because He has healed my body. I had something wrong with my right side and right leg. I couldn't get up off the bed. I believed God would help me, so I prayed all day that I would be able to go to my church Sunday morning to teach my class and have my pastor pray for my body. When Sunday morning came, I could get up but I still suffered. I went to the church, 14 miles away, but God blessed me and touched my body. I am almost well now. I thank God for His healing power. I promised God if He would heal my body I would send my testimony to the *Evangel*. I get the *Evangel* each week and enjoy reading it very much. Pray that the Lord will completely heal my body.

—Ella Brewer

To God Be Glory!

SOUTH DAKOTA—I feel I must give my testimony of Jesus' healing power. In 1946 Jesus instantly healed me of a large stomach tumor. The operation by Jesus was instant and painless. A number of believing Christians prayed and the work was done. Praise Jesus' dear name! In 1956 I had a slight stroke caused from kidney infections, high blood pressure, water in the lungs and a dropsy condition which took the life of 4 other members of my generation. God was merciful to us. I was in a coma for three days. My husband, while sitting by my bed, saw Satan in the form

of a black animal nearly touch my head, but God's hand reached down and destroyed Satan's power and healed my body. When doctors said they could do no more, our dear Jesus came to help. He is to have all the glory and I must tell this through the *Evangel* to magnify my Jesus.

—A sister from South Dakota



Pray that the Lord will heal my wife of a broken hip she received from a fall as she left church.

—Laud L. Vaught
Princeton, W. Va.

Pray that the Lord will heal me completely and for my unsaved children to find God.

—Mrs. Laura Wheeler
Monroe, Va.

Pray for the salvation of my sinner husband and for me to stand true.

—Mrs. C. W. L.

Pray that my husband will be saved.

—A sister in Christ

Pray for my husband and me to be healed and for my children to be saved.

—Sarah Swindle
Belmont, Miss.

Pray for the healing of my body.

—Mrs. Melysa Burgess

Pray for the salvation and healing of my loved ones.

—Ethel Palmer

Pray that the Lord will fill me with the Holy Ghost. I know prayers can do anything.

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Pray for the Lord to save my daughter and heal her of serious heart trouble.

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